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RE: Docket No. FR920000031US1. Application No. 09/838425. Art Unit 2176. Filing Date 04/19/2001. Examiner: Robert Stevens.

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is correspondence regarding the application of:

Inventors: Bauchot et al.

For: Method and System in an Electronic Spreadsheet for Comparing Series of Cells

Enclosed is:

X Reply to Office Action of July 2, 2004.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Amendment and Reply to Office action of July 2, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office action of July 2, 2004, the Assignee (IBM) respectfully submits the following Amendment and Reply.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

<u>Amendments to the Drawings</u> begin on page 9 of this paper, and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

An <u>Appendix</u> including attached replacement sheets is attached following page 16 of this paper.